

## CLAIMS:

1. A fluorescent lamp whereof the fluorescent layer consists of from 1 to 3 phosphors, such that said lamp has a peak wavelength in each of the red, green and deep-red wavelength regions, wherein said phosphors are water-dispersible, and wherein said deep-red phosphor has the same basic structure as a non-activated green, water-dispersible phosphor.
2. A fluorescent lamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein said phosphor having a peak wavelength in the red wavelength region is an  $\text{Eu}^{3+}$  activated phosphor, preferably  $\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3:\text{Eu}^{3+}$ .
3. A fluorescent lamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein said phosphor having a peak wavelength in the green wavelength region is a  $\text{Tb}^{3+}$  activated phosphor, preferably selected from the group consisting of  $(\text{CeGdMg})\text{Al}_{11}\text{O}_{19}:\text{Tb}^{3+}$ ;  $\text{GdMgB}_5\text{O}_{10}:\text{Ce}^{3+}, \text{Tb}^{2+}$  and  $\text{LaPO}_4:\text{Ce}^{3+}, \text{Tb}^{3+}$ .
4. A fluorescent lamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein said phosphor having a peak wavelength in the deep-red wavelength region is a  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$  activated phosphor, preferably  $(\text{GdMg})\text{B}_5\text{O}_{10}:\text{Ce}^{2+}, \text{Mn}^{3+}$ .
5. A fluorescent lamp as claimed in claim 4, wherein said phosphor having a peak wavelength in the deep-red wavelength region is further activated to show a peak wavelength in the green wavelength region.
6. A fluorescent lamp as claimed in claim 5, wherein said phosphor is a  $\text{Tb}^{3+}, \text{Mn}^{2+}$  activated phosphor, preferably  $(\text{GdMg})\text{B}_5\text{O}_{10}:\text{Ce}^{3+}, \text{Tb}^{3+}, \text{Mn}^{2+}$ .
7. A fluorescent lamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein said phosphors consist of: from 40-70%, preferably 50% b.w. of a red,  $\text{Eu}^{3+}$  activated phosphor, from 10-30%, preferably 17% b.w. of a green  $\text{Tb}^{3+}$  activated phosphor, from 10-50%, preferably 35% b.w. of a deep-red  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$  activated phosphor.

8. A fluorescent lamp as claimed in claim 7, wherein said  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$  activated phosphor is at least partially replaced by a  $\text{Tb}^{3+}, \text{Mn}^{2+}$  activated phosphor.

5 9. A fluorescent lamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein said lamp has a colour point (x, y) wherein x is a number in the range from 0,475 to 0,495, preferably 0,484, and y is a number in the range from 0,390 to 0,405, preferably 0,399.

10 10. A fluorescent lamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein said lamp has a red percentage LD in the range from 4-8, preferably 6,4.

11. Use of an aqueous suspension of a red,  $\text{Eu}^{3+}$  activated phosphor, a green,  $\text{Tb}^{3+}$  activated phosphor and a deep-red,  $\text{Tb}^{3+}, \text{Mn}^{2+}$  activated phosphor in the production of a fluorescent lamp.

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12. Use according to claim 11, wherein said aqueous suspension consists of 40-70%, preferably 50% b.w. of  $\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3:\text{Eu}^{3+}$ , 10-30%, preferably 17% b.w. of  $(\text{GdMg})\text{B}_5\text{O}_{10}:\text{Ce}^{3+}, \text{Tb}^{3+}$ , and 10-50%, preferably 35% b.w. of  $(\text{GdMg})\text{B}_5\text{O}_{10}:\text{Ce}^{3+}, \text{Tb}^{3+}, \text{Mn}^{2+}$ . Abstract